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Candidates for County Council Express Their Views at Forum

by Thomas X. White

The three candidates vying for the Democratic Party nomination to fill the District 4 seat on the Prince George's County Council participated in a lively candidates forum at the Greenbriar Community Building on August 23. The District 4 seat became vacant when incumbent Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters of Bowie decided to run for the Maryland State Senate, Legislative District 23 seat that became vacant on the announced retirement of Senator Leo Green early last month.

The Greenbelt event was cooperatively organized by Sheldon Goldberg of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee, who served as forum moderator, and Patricia Unger, president of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. The Greenbriar Community Room was nearly full for the forum and the audience included all members of the Greenbelt City Council.

Also present were District 22 Maryland General Assembly Delegates Tawanna Gaines of Berwyn Heights and Justin Ross of Greenbelt, former District 23 Delegate Joan Pitkin, a good number of Greenbelt voters and, of course, the candidates' entourages. The forum was videotaped by Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. for broadcast on the Greenbelt Municipal Channel 71 on Wednesday and Friday, September 6 and 8 at 7 p.m.

All three candidates on the Democratic Primary Ballot are residents of Bowie – Darrell Carrington of the Hillmeade Road area; Fred Robinson, Bowie's current mayor; and Ingrid Turner, who grew up in Bowie.

For the most part, the county council fourth district comprises all of Bowie, most of Greenbelt and the unincorporated areas in between, including Glenn Dale and Lanham-Seabrook. With no Republican Party candidates filed for the fourth District seat, the winner of the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, September 12 would run unopposed for the seat in the November General Election.

The format for the forum included timed segments (four minutes per candidate) for introductions, responses to four questions that were provided to the candidates in advance and a summary statement. The program ended with a period allowing questions from the audience, followed by refreshments and an informal social interchange. Councilmember Edward Putens acted as official timer for the program.

Introductions

(Biographies of Robinson and Turner appeared in the News Review of July 6, 2006, and Carrington's biography appeared in the July 20 issue.)

Darrell Carrington was born and raised in New Jersey. Following graduation from Rutgers University, he spent over 10 years at Rutgers developing programs for at-risk youths and low-income

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Council Worksession Deals With Affordable Housing

by Carol A. Griffith

Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts opened the July 31 council worksession on affordable housing by observing it is an issue "near and dear to the heart of Greenbelt." By the end of the session, the truth of this statement was clear.

The worksession, presented by the Washington Area Housing Partnership, was attended by Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Leta Mach and Ed Putens, Assistant City Manager David Moran and, representing Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), Sylvia Lewis, treasurer and Julia Eichhorst, current president of the board of directors.

The Washington Area Housing Partnership is, by its own definition, a "regional public-private housing partnership that acts as a catalyst to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families in the Washington area." It is an affiliate of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), to which Greenbelt, and particularly Mayor Judith Davis, have made many contributions.

Calvin Smith, director for Planning and Public Safety for COG, provided an overview of the agenda. The first speaker was Barbara Favola, chair of the Partnership, who provided the background on the need for af-

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Perez Run and Early Voting Ruled Out by High Court

by Elaine Skolnik

Two rulings handed down by Maryland's highest court on August 25 caused turmoil among Maryland Board of Election officials. The first ordered that the name of Tom Perez, Democratic candidate for Maryland Attorney General, be removed from the ballot. The second order canceled five days of early voting that had been set to begin on September 5.

According to The Washington Post and Baltimore Sun newspapers, Maryland's highest court – the Court of Appeals – found that Tom Perez did not meet the state constitutional requirements to run for attorney general because he had not practiced law for 10 years in Maryland. A current Montgomery County councilmember, Perez gave up his reelection bid to run for attorney general.

Where once there were three Democratic candidates running for the attorney general position, now there are two – Douglas Gansler, Montgomery County State's Attorney, and Baltimore lawyer Stuart Simms. Initially Simms had been tapped by Douglas Duncan as his lieutenant governor partner.

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Celebrate at Greenbelt's 52nd Labor Day Festival Weekend

by Patti Brothers

The 52nd Labor Day Festival begins Friday with opening ceremonies and rolls on through the parade Monday morning, to be followed by an afternoon of activities. In between there will be rides, games and sports for all ages, food for all palates, music and stage events for all preferences, the Miss Greenbelt Pageant for all viewers and a good time to be had by all. It is the traditional end to summer in Greenbelt – when friends and neighbors catch up with each other and reminisce about old times and past festivals. There will be plenty to do the entire weekend.

Hopefully Ernesto will take a route around Greenbelt but in the case of short, spotty showers, all outdoor activities will continue. In the event of heavy, continued rain, entertainment (as well as the Pageant) will move into the Community Center gym and bingo into the Youth Center gym. The Information Day tables and Craft Show tables will be moved to the multipurpose room in the Community Center. The festival Information Booth will be at the intersection of the two main hallways of the Community Center on the first floor. If all wishes come true, there will be clear skies.

Games/Activities

In addition to ongoing activities on the stage and at the carnival, which were highlighted last week, the festival features a variety of games, shows and other activities sponsored by the city's Recreation Department or the Festival Committee. Participants are welcome at all events to which registration is free (except the 15K run and the 3K Fun Run). Registrations in most events are accepted right up to the start of the activity. As with all festival events, attendance is free.

An art exhibition will take place all day every day at the Community Center. It includes self guided activities. The table tennis tournament will be held on Friday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. A Kid's Kickball Game will take place at 7 p.m. on Braden Field #2. And for those "young at heart" an Adult Kickball Game will begin immediately after at 8 p.m on Braden Field #2. There is kickball for all ages.

On Saturday morning at 9 the Kids' Games (sponsored by the Recreation Department) will be held on the front lawn of the Community Center. These will include a diaper derby for six month-to-one-year olds, a foot race, a bucket fill and a peanut race for 2- to 4-year-olds, a hula hoop contest, biggest bubble contest and water balloon contest for 5- to 8-year-olds and those same activities for the 9- to 12-year-olds. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded in each category.

The annual slow pitch tournament and the Reds Memorial Singles/Doubles horseshoe tournaments both begin on Saturday at 9 a.m. The slow pitch tournament (which requires pre-reg-

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What Goes On

Friday, September 1
6 p.m., Labor Day Festival Carnival Opens
7 p.m., Opening Ceremonies
Sunday, September 3
1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center
Monday, September 4 – City and GHI Offices Closed for Labor Day Celebration
10 a.m., Parade Begins
Tuesday, September 5,
7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meets, Community Center
Thursday, September 7,
7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meets, GHI Board Room

Registered Voters to Get Sample Ballots by Mail

by Elaine Skolnik

Sample ballots will be mailed to Prince George's County registered voters 10 days before the Tuesday, September 12 Primary Election, according to the Prince George's County Board of Elections. While all registered voters may vote for the non-partisan candidates for the Board of Education in the primary, only voters who have declared their affiliation with either the Democratic or Republican parties will be able to vote for their party candidates for all other offices. These Democrats and Republicans will select their party's candidates for the November 7 General Election.

Members of minor parties (Greens, Populists, Libertarians, etc.) must wait until the November 7 General Election to be listed on the ballot along with those candidates declared winners in the September 12 primary.

Since Republicans have not fielded a candidate for every listed position on the primary ballot, Democrats will be able to claim victory for many uncontested offices. However, minor parties, which are prevented from fielding candidates in the primary because they do not meet certain state requirements, will participate in the General Election for some offices.

For example, Congressman Steny Hoyer of Maryland's Fifth Congressional District is running for reelection in the Democratic Primary. He has no Democratic opposition. Nor are there Republicans running on the other side in the upcoming primary. However, in the General Election Hoyer will be opposed by Green Party candidate Steve Warner, a development executive and Navy veteran.

Letters

THANKS

I would like to thank all the people of Greenbelt who expressed their kind words and sympathy upon the recent death of my brother Phil "Sheik" Novick. September 5 would have been his 48th birthday.

Phil was known as a fun-loving person with a quick wit. He loved his story telling and would never pass up a day at the race track, the beach, a fishing trip or a rock concert. Shortly before he passed, he expressed interest in moving home to Greenbelt.

Anyone who wishes to recall old stories or share some Sheik Tall Tales please join me at the American Legion on Labor Day. I look forward to seeing you.

John Novick

Correction

In last week's GHI Notes, on page two, the News Review's efforts to make the date clear went badly awry when we reported the wrong day of the week for the September 5 pre-purchase orientation, at 7:15 on Tuesday and the September 6 Sustainable Design and Practices Energy Group meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The News Review regrets the errors.

Election Reminder

Readers are reminded of News Review policy with respect to printing of campaign and election material. In the last issue preceding an election, the newspaper will not publish letters to the editor and similar materials that inject for the first time controversial issues and charges. Last minute introduction of such material without an opportunity for refutation is considered an unfair campaign practice.

The News Review will not print letters of endorsement.

Letters to the editor and other copy on election issues must be submitted by 9 p.m. Tuesday evening, so as to give the editorial board sufficient time to review content.

Way Farewell at Café

by Shirl Hayes

After two years of performances at the New Deal Café, Texas native Doug Way will play his farewell concert at the Café Friday, September 1 from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

Originally moving to Beltsville two years ago when his wife, Lt. Col. Rhonda Smiley, was stationed nearby, Way explored the area looking for places to play.

"I just roamed around looking for musical venues. I was teaching out of the House of Musical Traditions. I heard about Greenbelt, came on down, and thought it was just great. I wish I'd bought a house here," said Way.

Way has been playing guitar since he was 13 years old.

"I worked for guitar companies, was a studio musician and I wrote and recorded two albums down in Texas," said Way. "I love singing traditional songs, though. When I perform nowadays, I like to mix it up – originals, ballads, hard core country, even some pop if people want to do a sing-a-long."

Way and his family will be moving to St. Louis, which was their last duty station but they have enjoyed their time here.

"I'm an entertainer," said Way. "I like to entertain people and have a good time. I don't take myself seriously, that would be boring."

Sign up in September For Library Cards

by Karen Seaton,
Library Information Staff

People of all ages, including babies, are encouraged to drop by to get a library card in September. People are never too young or too old to get a card. Every child, especially a school-aged child, should have a card to check out books for school assignments and just for fun.

For more information, visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at www.pgcmls.info. Renew books by phone, online or in person. Up to 75 items may be borrowed with each library card.

The Greenbelt Friends of the Library will host an information table on Saturday, September 2 at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Stop by to get more information about library services and programs.

Book Discussions

September is kick-off month for two book discussion groups sponsored by the Greenbelt Library. Discussion groups facilitated by a librarian are a great way to exchange ideas and get to know neighbors. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini is the featured adult book for September and will be discussed on Wednesday night, September 20 at 7 p.m. Drop by to pick up a copy of this popular book.

Bookids, the discussion group for children eight to 12 years, will be reading Maira Kalman's "Smartypants: Pete in School." The group will meet on Wednesday, September 13 at 4 p.m.

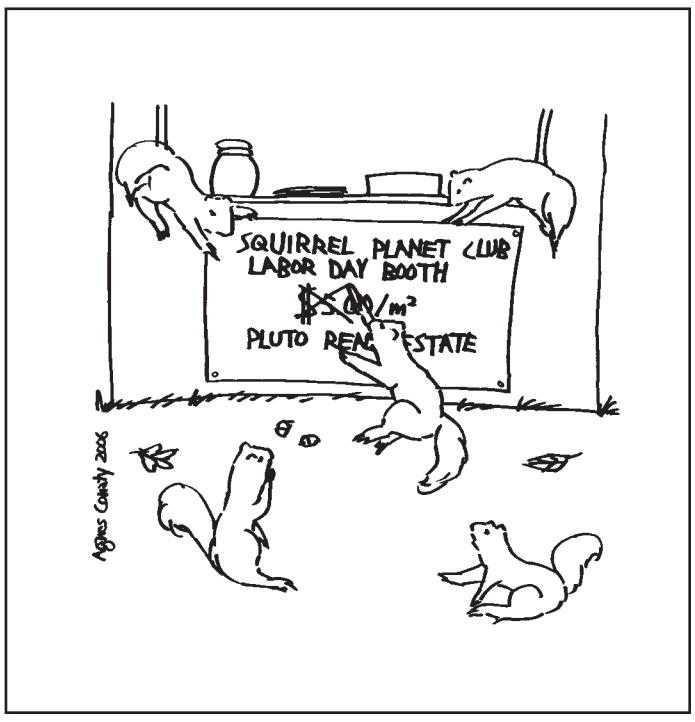
Story Times

Tuesday September 5 – 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, September 6, Toddlertime, at 10:30 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. For ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, September 7, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5. Limit 20 children.

Grin Belt



"The price of land in Pluto is greatly reduced since it was booted out of the planet list."

Labor Day Deadline for News Review

In order for News Review staff to observe the Labor Day holiday and participate in the Labor Day Festival, the office will be closed on Monday, September 4. All ads, copy, photos and materials must reach us on Tuesday, September 5 to be included in the paper.

Please assure your ads and news reach the community by turning in all materials for the September 7 issue on or before Tuesday evening, September 5.

City Applies For Postal Unit

The City of Greenbelt has applied for a Public Service Firm-Fixed Contract for a postal unit at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, according to City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Work is underway on the required bond.

Parade Still Seeking Specialty Autos

The Greenbelt Labor Day parade will include antique and classic "muscle" cars. The committee is still looking for car owner-entrants to participate in the parade. There are cash prizes and trophies for winning specialty vehicles. Call Kelly Ivy at (cell) 202-669-1776.

GHI BOARD SEEKS TO FILL VACANCY

Greenbelt Homes is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the unexpired term of Julia Eichhorst, which ends in May of 2007. Candidates should submit a Letter of Intent in a sealed envelope marked ***Board Candidate*** to the Management Office by the close of business on September 6, 2006.

The candidate must be a member of the Cooperative, be willing to commit numerous hours to attend at least 21 board meetings per year, which will be held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month for the remainder of 2006. Other duties/qualifications include serving as board liaison to at least one committee, preparing for meetings in advance, respect for confidentiality, team spirit, independent thinking, and a genuine love of your Cooperative. No prior experience necessary, however, general business and finance knowledge or experience is helpful.

A candidate will be selected from the submissions received and will be approved by a plurality vote of the remaining directors to serve as a director until the next regular annual membership meeting.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, September 7, 2006 GHI BOARD ROOM 7:30PM

KEY AGENDA ITEMS:

- Proposed Gardenside Deck & Sunroom Enclosure, 46 G Ridge
- 2006 GHI-Owned Boiler Room Renovation Contract – 1st Reading
- 2006 Member-Owned Boiler Room Renovation Contract – 2nd Reading
- Engagement of Auditor – 2nd Reading
- Meter Pad Screen Design
- Addition Maintenance Loan Program
- Request for Contributions
- Selection of Board Member to Fill Vacancy
- Election of Board Officers

Regular board meetings are open to members.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
WEEK OF SEPT. 1
Little Miss Sunshine (R) No Passes

Friday
*5:20, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday
*1, *3:10, *5:20, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday – Monday
*1, *3:10, *5:20, 7:30

Tuesday – Thursday
*5:20, 7:30

*These shows at $5.00

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Commemoration Set For September 11

The Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA) will commemorate the fifth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks by collaborating with certified therapeutic touch professionals in a "Healing Hands Strengthen Community" fundraiser at Roosevelt Center (Southway and Crescent Road) from noon to 7 p.m. on Monday, September 11.

For a donation to local relief charities (the Good Samaritan and Emergency Assistance Funds), patrons can receive a soothing professional massage and also help needy residents. (No appointment is necessary, 18 and older only.) GILA members will host the outdoor pavilion, which will extend to the Pleasant Touch Spa's facilities, especially in case of bad weather.

GILA meets monthly and currently represents area Baha'i, Christian, Jewish and Unitarian Universalist congregations. For information call 301-441-3013.

Senior Meals Menu

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Tuesday, September 5 through Friday, September 8 include:

Monday – Labor Day holiday; all sites closed.

Tuesday – Grape juice, pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, spiced apples.

Wednesday – Orange juice, beef stew with vegetables, brown rice, garden salad with dressing, vanilla pudding.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, baked chicken with gravy, pinto beans, chopped spinach, pineapple tidbits.

Friday – Cranapple juice, curried meatballs (six each), fluffy white rice, mixed vegetables, cherry turnover.

Genealogy Society Meets on Sept. 6

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will begin its new program year with a meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at 7 p.m., to be held in the lower level at the Greenbelt library. After a 15-minute business meeting and refreshments, Michael Murphy will present "Military Records: War of 1812 to Civil War."

All are welcome. There is no fee. Check www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs for additional information about the Prince George's chapter. For details contact Kent Kwiatkowski, president, at kentk@erols.com or 301-474-2427.

Arts Advisory Board To Meet on Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, September 5 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Free Tutoring

The start of the fall 2006 Elementary School Tutoring Program and the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program will be next week. The sessions will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The first session will be on Saturday, September 9.

Students are required to bring their textbooks. Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 for more information.

GHI Notes

Upcoming meetings and events:

Monday, September 4 – Labor Day – Offices closed. Emergency maintenance service will be available by calling 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, September 5, 7 p.m. – Member & Community Relations Committee meeting, Lunch Room

Tuesday, September 5, 7:15 p.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Wednesday, September 6, 7 p.m. – Sustainable Design and Practices Energy Group, Board Room

Thursday, September 7, 7:30 p.m. – Board Meeting, Board Room.

ACE Announces Essay Contest

Students who live in or attend school in Greenbelt in grades 3, 4 and 5 have the opportunity to tell about their town in the ACE Reading Club Essay Contest. Students must address the following: If an out-of-town visitor was coming to visit Greenbelt, where would you take your visitor? Describe the best places around Greenbelt and why they are so interesting. Write about parks, museums, lakes, stores, restaurants and other places you enjoy. If you had a magic wand and could add anything to Greenbelt, what would it be and why?

Entries must be the original work of the submitting student author. Each essay must be written in English and be accompanied by a signed entry form.

Essays will be judged on originality, dedication to contest theme and knowledge of the topic. Essays should be no more than two typed, double-spaced 8½ x 11 inch pages or three hand written pages. Entries must be legible or they will be disqualified. Entries are due no later than 4 p.m. on November 17 in the Greenbelt CARES office.

Winners will be announced on November 30 and will receive an award certificate and book. Winners will be asked to read their essay at an ACE Reading Club event held in April and will have their work published in the ACE Reading Club literary magazine, Greenbelt Voices. All entries should have an entry form and be sent to ACE Reading Club, Greenbelt CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or faxed to 301-441-8248 Attn: Liz Murray/CARES. For an entry form and rules contact Liz Murray at lmurray@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-345-6660.

GEAC Meets

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will meet on Thursday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Hunting Ridge.

Senior Softballers Win Doubleheader

Greenbelt won a doubleheader, 18-10 and 17-9, at home Monday, August 28 against the Bowie Gold in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League playoffs. Fred Bohle homered in both games; fellow Greenbelters Jim Harbaugh, Lefty Smith and Paul Williams homered in the second game. Jim Dugan singled three times in the first game as Rodney Hull, Larry Dandridge, Williams and manager-pitcher Ray Reed got two each and Eli Flam doubled. In the second game, which Reed pitched from the second inning, Flam went four-for-four, with a double and triple; Mac McNamara singled twice and tripled; Dandridge again had two hits; and Bohle (also walked intentionally), Smith and Williams added singles to their homers.

Greenbelt is 2-1 in the ongoing playoffs.

Lions to Sponsor Decorated Bikes

The Greenbelt Lions will sponsor its annual Bike and Trike contest on Monday, September 4. Participants with decorated bikes and trikes, ages 3 to 12, will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Mother and Child Statue in Roosevelt Center. They will take part in the Labor Day parade for a distance of one block to the reviewing stand. Prizes will be awarded. Call King Lion Lynda Varda at 301-44-8964 for details.

Help Remove Invasive Plants

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants on Saturday, September 2 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum picnic area.

This program will continue every first Saturday of the month. Come rain or shine and wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunch or snack. This is a partnership between the Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland.

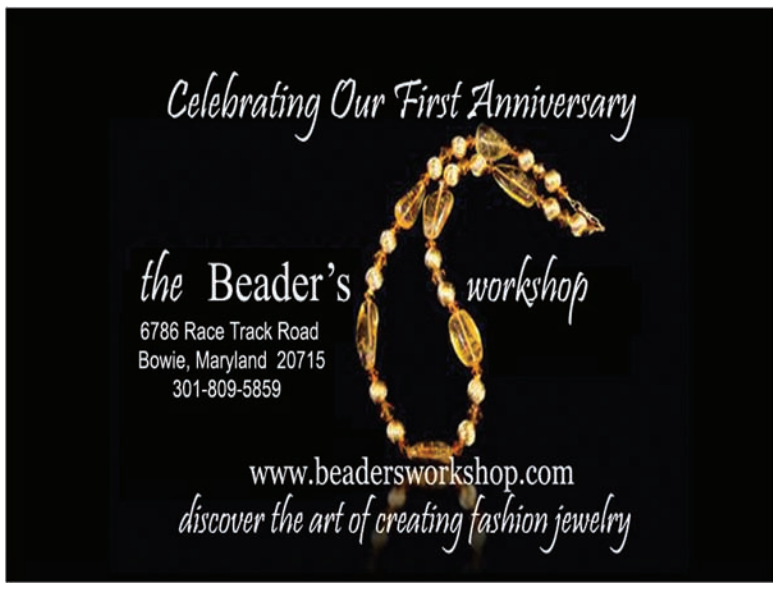
Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit www.nps.gov/gree.

Make plans to cast your vote on Tues., Sept. 12
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Announcing
Amy Hansen's
new book:
"How Things Work"
on sale at the Co-op!
National release
in September

Luncheon on the Lawn
After the Parade, Sept. 4
BBQ, baked beans, cole slaw,
hot dogs for the kids, drinks and dessert.
$7.00 adults; $5.00 children (under 12)
Greenbelt Community Church
Hillside and Crescent Rd.



Hear Singer/Songwriter/Pianist Rob Gonzalez
(www.robgonzalez.com)
perform at the
Wawa/CJ Foundation
SIDS Charity Walk
Sunday, September 10 –
10-11:30am
Buddy Attick Park, Greenbelt
(Rob was #1 touring act in U.S. College Touring Circuit in 2004-05)

Walk anytime between 8:15 and 11:30am
Light Breakfast; Clown for the kids!
Free registration & T-shirts,
but tax-deductible donations
are greatly needed and appreciated.
(Suggested donation: $20)
Info: Joani Horchler 301-322-2620 or
sideses@aol.com

Enjoy Swimming?!
The Greenbelt Swim Team Needs You!

The Greenbelt Swim Team's Fall season runs from Sept. 19 to Dec. 3.

Walk-in registration will be held on September 12 & 13, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Fees are discounted for registrations received by September 19!

Swimmers practice Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:55 to 5:55 p.m. and Sunday mornings. Developmental Swimmers meet Sunday mornings.

Information and applications can be found at www.greenbelt.com/swimteam or at the GMST bulletin board in the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway in Old Greenbelt.

For any questions, call Joan Dunham, 301-474-4722

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of Carl S. Davis, Sr.

March 9, 1954 - August 15, 2006

Carl Stephen Davis, Sr., former long-time resident of 55-B Ridge Road, died suddenly on August 15, 2006, at Baltimore Washington Hospital in Glen Burnie. He was 52 years old. He had recently undergone his second gastric bypass surgery. After being on a ventilator for two months, he recovered and went to rehabilitation to regain his strength. There, he got pneumonia and was readmitted to the hospital for antibiotic treatment. One day later, he died from a pulmonary embolism or a blood clot to the main artery to his lungs.

Carl (A.K.A. Woo, Big Carl) was preceded in death by his father Albert Eugene Davis, Sr.; his mother Mary Catherine Ground; and his grandmother Ethel Elizabeth Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Terri VanVleet Davis, his daughters Pamela Boone (Timothy), Mary Austin (Nardy) and Heather Davis; and his son Carl Stephen Davis, Jr. Also surviving are his brother Gene Davis, former Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. chief; his four grandchildren Danielle and Demiah Austin (Mary) and Miranda and Timothy Boone (Pamela).

He was remembered in a memorial service at Finks Funeral Home in Glen Burnie on Saturday, August 19. The service was led by his father-in-law. Danny Leech, a dear friend since childhood, provided a loving eulogy. Many friends and family attended the service and joined the family for fellowship at his daughter Mary's home after the service.

Carl – my dad – was known by some of his friends as Woo and some knew him as Big Carl. He will always be remembered for his love of Oldies Music, including Doo-Wop and Motown and Rock and Roll. He hosted what we called "Court Parties" on the 4th of July for a few years at 55 Court Ridge Road, where many Greenbelt residents would come for good food, good music, dancing and lots of fun, with Carl as the disc jockey.

Carl also served as the disc jockey at the Greenbelt Homes Annual Party on at least one occasion.

Many years ago, when he was a very big man, he rode atop a Greenbelt fire engine through the town of Greenbelt each Christmas Eve, as Santa Claus. This delighted the children of Greenbelt and adults too. I will never forget waiting for him to come by, even though I always knew it was my dad. It was always said he fit the costume perfectly, he had his own padding! In the late '70s he even dressed as Santa Claus at Beltway Plaza Mall.

My dad battled alchoholism for many years. He beat it, though, and recently celebrated nine years sober. This was a very important accomplishment for him, something of which he was very proud and we shared in that pride with him. It was a hard, long battle for him and he won that battle. He won with the help of his lifelong friend Danny, his sponsor Ron, his family and, of course, God by his side. He struggled and won and never looked back.

Carl made news when he underwent his first gastric bypass surgery in the early '80s. He was one of the first to have the surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He weighed 600 pounds before the surgery and had dropped to 225 after. His weight was a huge lifelong battle for him. He did eventually gain some of the weight back, lost it again on his own but then regained some. He decided to give the surgery another chance, after having had a total of 17 operations in his lifetime.

Carl worked at Singleton Electric in the '70s. He was also later employed by the City of Greenbelt Public Works Department for many years. Some may even remember when he drove the soft ice cream truck around town too, serving up ice cream cones in the summer.

After moving from Greenbelt, he purchased a home in Anne Arundel County. He worked at Atlas Container Corporation but sustained an injury to his shoulder and could not continue. He drove a cab for AA Taxi. He eventually bought his own cab. He drove that for a while until he temporarily retired to care for his ailing wife. He had plans to return to driving his cab when his wife was better.

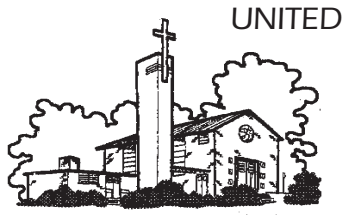
Carl will be remembered in the hearts of many for his kindness, his big loving heart, his laughter and for being one of the most generous and fun people to be around. He will also be remembered as the best dad we could have asked for. Daddy always did his best. He taught us many lessons we will carry with us and share with our children for the rest of our lives. We learned from his mistakes, we watched him struggle and we watched him win. That's what Dad was in the end, he was a winner. He beat the odds on many occasions. This time, God decided to bring him home. His struggles are over and he is at peace now. We'll see you again someday Dad and we will carry you in our hearts until then, when we meet again.

– Pamela Boone, daughter

Vita A. Pergola

Longtime Greenbelter Vita A. Pergola died Tuesday, August 29, 2006. Services will be held at noon on Saturday, September 2 at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church, 135 Crescent Road. Relatives and friends may call at the church from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am
Prayer Meeting Wed. 6:45 pm
Crossways Bible Study Tues. 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:30 am
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Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: **301-474-6171** mornings
www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
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10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor
"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
September 3, 10 a.m.
"Living in Right Relationship with the Earth"
by Mare Cromwell, guest speaker
with John Bartoli, worship associate
Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111
Sunday, September 3
9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Adult Bible Class
Fall Schedule begins September 10
Sundays 8 & 10:30am Worship Service
9:15am Sunday School/Bible Study

Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Weds. Worship: 7:00 pm
(Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)
Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family through Loving Service

"Touching people with the love of Christ"
TOUCH POINT CHURCH MINISTRIES
Dr. Nat Obey, Pastor
Tel: 301-335-5633
Sunday Services held at 10AM at the Washington Bible College, Lanham MD 20706
www.touchpointcm.org
"All are welcome"

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(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
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	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

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Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

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An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.
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Do you feel restless, like you have lost your peace of mind?
That we don't know what to do and where to find satisfaction? Our Lord has the answer to all our problems, as He tells us that, ". . . He guides to Himself those who turn to Him in penitence, those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of God. For without doubt in the remembrance of God do hearts find satisfaction."
– The Holy Qur'an, 13:27
To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at info@searchislam.org or visit the website www.searchislam.org.

Baha'i Faith
"Cling ye to the hem of virtue, and hold fast to the cord of trustworthiness and piety. Concern yourselves with the things that benefit mankind, and not with your corrupt and selfish desires."
– Bahá'u'lláh
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Greenbelt, MD 20770
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www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org

Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of longtime resident Vita Pergola.

Congratulations to 1st Lt. Matthew Dwyer, USMC, who has successfully completed his training as a Marine Corps aviator and was winged on July 28. Dwyer will be stationed at New River, N. Car. and will fly the MV-22 Osprey. He is the grandson of long-time Greenbelt residents Tom and Shirley Dwyer and the son of Tom and Robyn Dwyer of Berwyn Heights.

Get well wishes to News Review staffer Meta Lagerwerff, who is recuperating from a broken leg. Friends may call her at 301-883-4760 or write to her at: Larkin Chase, Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 15005 Health Center Drive, Bowie, MD 20716.

Academy 8 Theatres
Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155
All shows starting before 6 p.m.
Are ONLY $5.00
R = ID Required
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Week of September 1
FRI. – SUN.
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Accepted, PG-13
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City Information

Public Hearing on FY 2007 Capital Projects September 11, 2006 - 8 p.m.

On June 5, 2006, the Greenbelt City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2007 budget, including a budget for Capital Projects. On July 17, Council met to prioritize Capital Projects for FY 2007. On September 11, Council will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2007 Capital Projects budget, prior to adoption of the ordinance. Listed below are the proposed projects, totaling $1,781,700.

Project	Amount
Parking Lot Improvements	45,000
Roosevelt Center Camera Upgrade	30,000
Emergency Call Boxes	20,000
Bus Shelters	2,000
Gateway Entrance Signage	12,000
Street Resurfacing – Ridge & Greenhill	210,000
Sidewalk Maintenance – Miscellaneous	30,000
Replace Crosswalk – Mun. Bldg. to R. Center	10,000
City Drainage Problems	20,000
Greenbrook Trails	11,000
Attick Park Master Plan Improvements	200,000
Skateboard Park	235,000
Astronomical Society of Greenbelt Observatory	9,000
Braden Field Storage Shed	13,000
Land Acquisition	500,000
Community Center Windows	200,000
Community Center Facility Needs	13,000
Playground Improvements	60,000
Mother & Child and Bas Reliefs	40,000
Hillside Outfall Stabilization	121,700
Total	$1,781,700

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. All Greenbelt citizens will have a reasonable opportunity to ask questions and to provide written or oral comments. If special accommodations are needed for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or send e-mail to the City Clerk at kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 4-SEPTEMBER 8

Tuesday, September 5, 7:00pm, **Arts Advisory Board,** Greenbelt Community Center. Info: 301-37-2208.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS, REGISTER FOR GREENBELT ALERT NOW!

Greenbelt ALERT is a text based emergency communications system for Greenbelt residents. City officials will use it to send out important messages to email accounts, cell phones, pagers and other wireless devices in case of a possible emergency. Visit http://alert.greenbeltmd.gov for more information or to sign up for this free, voluntary service.

FIT & FUN AEROBICS
Classes starting September 18th

High/low impact aerobics, kickboxing, toning, step, and weights. Babysitting service available to registered participants only. Child's information must be included on registration form. No drop-in babysitting is allowed. SPACE IS LIMITED!!! For more information on schedule and registration download the Recreation Brochure from www.greenbeltmd.gov or call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, invites sealed bids for furnishing the following:

2-Ton Dump Truck w/snow plow & salt spreader

This equipment is to be delivered to the Department of Public Works, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Interested bidders may pick up a bid specifications package for Bid 2006-4 at:

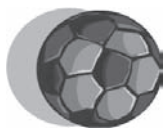
City of Greenbelt Finance Office
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Please call the Department of Public Works at (301) 474-8004 regarding bid submission questions. Bids must be RECEIVED no later than 9/25/06 at 10 a.m. Bids will be opened publicly at 10:10 a.m. on 9/25/06.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day.
The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.
REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of September 4th
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, September 8th

ADULT SOCCER
for fun and fitness



small-goal pickup play at Northway Field in Old Greenbelt. We are trying to locate and build a soccer community for friendly competition. Dates and times are subject to change, based on your feedback. Sunday morning and Tuesday evening are suggested times, for startup mid-September.
All skill levels are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Phelan, Greenbelt Recreation at 240-542-2194.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Youth Advisory Committee (youth and adult positions)
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, September 3, from 1-5pm at the Greenbelt Community Center
Enjoy this monthly, free mini arts festival...

JOIN THE CIRCUS!

1-3pm: **HANDS ON PROJECT:** Create a self portrait circus poster. Take a short break from the heat of the Labor Day Midway and join Baltimore painter Christine Sajecki in the air conditioned Community Center.
ART EXHIBITIONS: In addition to "The Works: Paintings by Christine Sajecki" in the Community Center Art Gallery, there will be Labor Day Festival Art Exhibits. Enjoy the works of your friends and neighbors.
OPEN STUDIOS: Talk to the Artists-in-residence as they demonstrate their work from 1-5pm on the 3rd floor.

For more information contact
Barbara Dickey Davis 240-542-2062

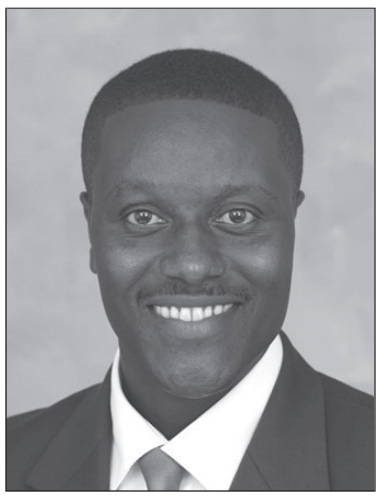
GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, September 5 & 7: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert," **7:00pm** "ACE Reading Club-Summer Program."

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday, & Friday, September 6 & 8: 7pm Democratic Club "Prince George's County Council Candidates 2006," **9:00pm** FONDCA's Blues Festival "Clarence Turner Band."

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Darrell Carrington



Fred Robinson



Ingrid Turner

populations, establishing the New Jersey Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program Support Network and other programs as part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

For the past five years or more he served as program director for the Prince George's County Office of Energy and Food Programs. As part of his introduction, Carrington noted that, "in the time he has spent in Prince George's County, he realizes that we have some challenges but he has the energy to make things better."

Fred Robinson has lived in Bowie since 1968. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Maryland, a masters in the same field from George Washington University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He has been a member of the Bowie city council since 1986 and has served as mayor since 1998.

Robinson is a retired major from the Prince George's County Police Department, having served as district commander for the Hyattsville and Bowie police districts. In his introduction he focused on his experience in fighting crime, promoting education and maintaining livable communities, touting endorsements from the professional police and firefighters organizations, the County Educators Association and the Sierra Club.

Ingrid Turner grew up and attended elementary and middle schools in Bowie. She is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, earned a masters in business administration from Golden Gate University and a doctorate in law from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. In June this year she retired after 20 years of service as a Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy.

In her introduction, Turner, relying on her military experience, told the audience she is a "team player and a team leader." Turner also used the time to list her top priorities as education, public safety, transportation and walkable communities.

Zoning Authority

What is your position on planning and zoning authority for Greenbelt?

Fred Robinson said he supports local authority and that he was the only candidate that has been actively involved in the issue as a public official. "Bowie and Greenbelt have the capacity to handle the new authority effectively," he added. He pledged to support the proposition that local development is a matter for local officials.

Ingrid Turner said that she will support Greenbelt's efforts; however, she noted that the county (master) plan and sewer and water authorities would have to have primacy. In her view, municipalities such as Greenbelt should have some influence over critical development decisions affecting them. "Municipalities should be first at the table and have their voices heard on development issues," she promised. With oversight by the county council, municipalities should have some zoning authority and she would support a greater role for Greenbelt in planning and zoning within its borders.

Darrell Carrington declared that he will "support local municipalities' need to have planning and zoning authority." He would work to provide some mechanism to bridge the process between municipalities and the role of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

Carrington tied this issue to his concern about development decisions in the county being made "behind closed doors" and cited a recent example of the county council taking action in the form of a resolution this summer, relaxing the impact on developers of the "adequate public facilities" requirements with little or no public input. This comes at a time that over-development is the cause of overcrowding in our schools, traffic congestion and strains on police and emergency medical response times, he noted.

Question number 1 provided most of the sparks among the candidates, carrying over into their responses when they had extra time to use.

The initial salvo came from Robinson, who said the audience should note that only two of the candidates had responded in an unqualified manner regarding support for municipal planning and zoning authority.

Turner remarked later she was not sure who Robinson was referring to but wanted to make sure that everyone understood that she supports planning and zoning for municipalities with oversight by the county.

Still later, Carrington provided his translation of Robinson's earlier remark that it was based upon an article that appeared in the Bowie Blade newspaper reporting that two of the three hopefuls in the race supported planning and zoning for municipalities and that it was referring to himself and Robinson.

Barbs were also traded between Robinson and Carrington regarding Carrington's references to his and Bowie citizens' concerns about the Bowie New Town Center development and the long history of the Maryland Science and Technology Park in Bowie, while Robinson was using those developments as measures of his successful experience in handling difficult development issues.

Disaster Preparedness

While the county has primary responsibility for responses to disasters, what kind of help should Greenbelt expect from the county?

Turner commended Greenbelt for its efforts in this area, noting that in emergency and disaster preparedness communication is critical. She promised to work to insure coordinated communication and interoperability between municipalities and the county. Turner also spoke in favor of joint disaster preparedness drills with municipalities and better public information on the county's responsibilities in the case of major disasters in the region.

Carrington's advice for Greenbelt citizens is that, "you need to prepare yourself to meet potential disaster needs." By his estimate, the county is not fully prepared and individuals need to prepare locally. "We should know what to expect in terms of services from the county in case of disaster or terrorism events." He would work to insure coordination. Carrington also noted that his experience as a county official during the hurricane Isobel emergency should serve him well in this area.

Robinson responded that the county should have operational plans that can be implemented in case of a disaster. He also believes that Greenbelt has the first responder capability to play a role in disaster planning and response. The problems he sees now are a lack of "interoperable emergency radio communications" and a fair distribution of resources. He promised workable and effective disaster plans and better and more cooperative communications.

Education

How do you expect the county council to interact with the new school board to improve education in Prince George's County?

Turner responded that she intends to be personally involved in county education issues. "We as a community have to get involved and hold the new school board accountable," she stated. In turn, the county has the responsibility to provide adequate resources for the board of education.

Turner described the Prince George's schools as "a struggling education system." We need to pay a little more, invest a little more and be more appreciative of the teachers in the classrooms. She says her candidacy offers a fresh new perspective to address the same old problems.

Carrington said that the county council and the board of education are supposed to work as partners to improve the educational environment for students. He said his experience in working with the USDA in food programs for the county schools was a good model.

He would spend the available dollars more efficiently to address current problems with truancy, disruptive children, children with special needs and improving the maintenance of school facilities. Carrington looks forward to working with the new superintendent and the elected school board on those issues.

Robinson sees a definite role for the county council in the education process. He will be attentive and engaged on the issues. He noted its key role as final arbiter of the capital budget for schools.

Robinson would relegate educational politics to the woodshed and improve educational success by providing resources for the classroom. Together with the school leadership and the county executive, the county council should forge goals to achieve success.

Greenbelt West

Regarding the development plans for the Greenbelt West area, the city continues to expect help. Sometimes the county is obstructive instead of helpful. What is your impression?

Robinson would rely on his experience with development in Bowie while he was a councilmember and mayor. As a county councilmember, he saw that the primary issues with the Greenbelt West development such as size, shape, staging, value and related issues should have to pass the Greenbelt council. He will defer to the local government. "You will not find a more municipality deferential councilmember than me," he declared.

Carrington responded that what he has learned about the Greenbelt West development gives him the impression that the county has been more obstructive than helpful. He referred again to the recent council action to relax the APF requirements by means of a simple resolution this summer. Repeating again that the lack of adequate public facilities is the cause of problems in Prince George's County, he characterized the Springhill Lake (SHL) redevelopment story as an on again – off again saga that appears to be another case of bad politics.

Turner said she would be committed to making sure that Greenbelt is involved in decisions impacting the community's future. She would work hard to assure that the problems Greenbelt encountered with the Metro development do not happen again.

Regarding the SHL redevelopment, she believes that redevelopment is more important than new development. Looking to move forward with the Greenbelt West developments, she asserted that she would make things happen, if elected.

Closing Remarks

Carrington indicated that his aim is to restore ethics and integrity to the government process. "We need a different attitude about what we expect from elected officials," he argued. Regarding development, he believes we need to let the supporting infrastructure catch up. This, he says, "would be smart growth and in our best long term interest."

Ingrid Turner promised to improve the quality of life for the district's citizens. She would be responsive to the citizens and not let them down.

Fred Robinson reminded the audience of the endorsements that his candidacy has received and that he is the most qualified candidate to address the critical choices on the county council.

Audience Questions

The candidates were asked how they would maintain the working relationship that the current council has achieved. Turner noted that she will be ready from day one, through relationships, listening and respecting her peers. Carrington said that he already has a countywide reputation and has already worked with several of the current council members. Robinson would rely on his Bowie experience and work to build relationships and cooperation.

Candidates were also asked their feelings regarding zoning text amendments and whether they should be brought to referendum. Robinson promised he would do everything in the daylight. His Bowie experiences with zoning text amendments showed him that they were "charades." Carrington then chided Robinson on his record in Bowie. Turner said no zoning text amendment unless there is a good reason. Greenbelt would need to be involved in the process.

A question was posed regarding positions on affordable housing. Carrington responded that he prefers the term "Workforce Housing" and remarked that the county will need to invest in that area to assure housing for our teachers and first responders.

Turner noted that Prince George's County already has sufficient affordable housing in comparison to neighboring jurisdictions. She would support strategies to provide incentives for teachers, police and firefighters to remain in the county.

Robinson noted the legal, social and moral considerations with the issue but would try to be creative in addressing the issue.

The final question was related to the issue of zoning authority for municipalities and focused on the candidates' views regarding adequate review at the local level for additions and expansions of residential housing by individual homeowners.

Carrington expressed his belief in revitalization and noted that he has gained respect for the City of Greenbelt Planning Department.

Turner would make sure that historic preservation guidelines are complied with and that there was Historic District Commission review if applicable. The standards should be uniform and consistently applied.

Robinson noted his experience with (old) Bowie and that it should be carried out within a plan. It also makes sense to put development where there is existing infrastructure. In any case, it should reflect the character of the neighborhood, he said.

More information on the District Four County Council candidates can be obtained from their websites: www.CarringtonForCountyCouncil.com; www.robinson4council.com; and www.IngridTurner.org.

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fordable housing.

Workforce Housing

As a result of the high quality of life the Washington area enjoys, there is an escalating need for land and housing. A significant portion of the need for affordable housing is "workforce housing" – needed by those workers, such as teachers, police officers, nurses and municipal employees, who provide essential community services, with incomes 60 to 120 percent of the area median income of $90,300. Some of these citizens do not earn the $101,314 annual income needed to afford an existing home, the median price for which is $319,000.

Providing affordable housing for this group reduces traffic congestion as people are able to live near their places of employment and attracts new residents who provide essential services. At present the area is 67,000 housing units short of demand.

The Washington Area Housing Partnership advocates for mixed-income communities to meet this demand, as such communities alleviate concentrations of poverty and enhance safety and community services. In order to report on successful local housing policies and encourage local governments and lending institutions to provide affordable housing, the Partnership has developed a "Toolkit for Affordable Housing." A copy was provided to all attendees.

The second speaker was Mildrilyn Davis, housing director of the City of Alexandria, another member of COG. She informed the group about how Alexandria makes use of the Community Development Block Grant program. Alexandria's Fiscal Year 2006 grant of $1.3 million provides homeownership assistance through grants; home rehabilitation loans; a rental accessibility program, which modifies properties for persons with disabilities; eviction assistance; transitional assistance, for those previously homeless; and a winter shelter for the homeless.

Trust Fund

Montgomery County's Affordable Housing Trust Fund was next described by Elizabeth Davison, director of the county's Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The goals of the Fund are renovating distressed properties, ensuring affordable housing remains in the pool for that use and creating special needs housing.

Montgomery County also strongly advocates for mixed income communities. The Fund received most of its money from a dedicated 2.5 percent of the property tax and Davison explained the process of disbursement and review.

Robert Boulter, president of Faithworks and board member of Washington Area Housing Partnership, next explained the concept of community land trusts (CLT). He began by saying how "deeply touched" he was by Greenbelt's uniqueness and observed that the city is perfect for providing affordable housing.

A land trust is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation which redevelops blighted neighborhoods and provides affordable housing. It accomplishes this through purchasing parcels of land and leasing them to homeowners, thus reducing the price of a home by up to 40 percent.

The CLT has perpetual responsibility for the land and requires responsible use of the buildings through a board of directors comprised of leaseholders, representatives of community interests and public officials.

The last presenter was Jim Gray, vice president of the National Cooperative Bank Development Corporation. As his presentation concerned cooperative ownership, a topic familiar to Greenbelt residents, he shortened it somewhat but did spend time comparing cooperatives to condominiums and differentiating between the two types of housing.

A lively question and answer session followed. Roberts began by noting that Greenbelt is "lucky to have a mix of housing," and that any new development must maintain affordability.

Co-ops

Mach asked Gray how to persuade developers to see the benefits of cooperatives. He answered that the city may try to encourage lenders to become cooperative lenders, as cooperatives lend themselves to controlling the resale and rental of housing units.

Herling asked how well-off neighborhoods in Montgomery County accepted affordable housing in their area. Davison replied that there was "initial resistance" but after concerns of the established neighborhood were addressed by such measures as changing designs of the properties, neighborhood acceptance was gained. She emphasized that good design and construction make affordable housing properties acceptable to the community. Herling noted that artists should be added to the groups of citizens in need of affordable housing.

The Partnership's recommendation to the city is to garner resources to purchase units to be converted to or maintained as affordable housing, with even such a small amount as 1 percent of local tax revenue, and to choose a model of funding, such as Community Development Block Grants or cooperatives, with the goal of maximal affordability. Later the fund to purchase units may be increased with monies from other sources that may become available.

They encouraged the city to explore state programs for affordable housing as well, particularly for senior housing. Favola suggested that the city work with faith communities who may be in need of revenue and willing to use their assets of land in a manner that fits with their mission.

To Roberts' observation that Greenbelt's churches are small, Favola replied that in Montgomery County, affordable housing developments exist with only eight units.

The meeting ended with the Partnership's offer of assistance to the city in its exploration of the issue of affordable housing.

Leigh Bodden's Football Camp Is a Hit

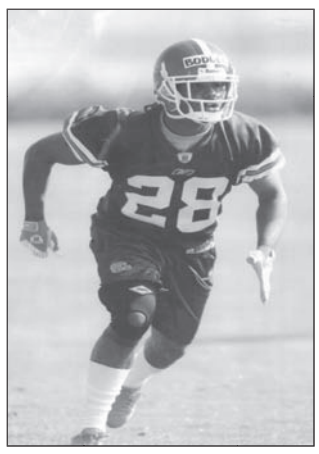
by Robert H. Green

It wasn't too long ago that a Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club player named Leigh Bodden was wearing his green and white uniform. Bodden lived in Greenbelt for over 10 years. He played under the late, great head coach Anthony Gaither and he also played on the Greenbelt baseball team.

Bodden is now playing for the National Football League (NFL) Cleveland Browns. His number is 28 and he is the starting defensive back/corner back. His play on the field earned him the starting position. NFL great receiver for the C. Bengals tried his luck against Bodden and, in true Greenbelt fashion, Bodden shut him down at the end of the season. The Browns signed Bodden and made him a millionaire.

Bodden did something that most NFL players don't do – he came home and held a free football camp in July for kids all over the Washington Metro area. The camp was at Northwestern High School where he excelled in basketball (averaged 30 points a game) and football. Bodden did not get a full football scholarship but the coach promised him he would play. And play he did, becoming an All-American and leading the nation in interceptions while earning a degree in business at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

Leigh did not get drafted by the NFL but like Duquesne not giving out scholarships he just wanted a chance to show the coaches that he could play. At the last pre-season game, we went



to support him to see if he had made the team. Leigh's parents Carolie, David, Aunt Jackie, Fiancee Angelique, sisters Kierra and Joanne, brother James and coach Bob had their fingers crossed as he came out of the locker room with a smile. We knew that he had made the team. Not since Jermaine Lewis (former Raven) Eleanor Roosevelt player and E.R. Derrick Burgess (Eagles New Raiders) were we so proud of a Greenbelt area kid. But none of them played for the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club as long as Leigh.

At the end of the camp, former and current NFL players spoke but it was Leigh that everyone was waiting to hear from. Leigh, along with his Aunt Jackie Walker and sister Kiera, talked about grades, NCAA, SATs, staying out of trouble, staying in shape, lifting weights, how to get a scholarship and how to reach this level of the NFL.

Over 100 kids attended the first camp offered by a Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club player, Leigh Bodden, and it was a hit. Hopefully, next year Leigh Bodden will conduct another football camp for the kids. This is what I called "Putting love back into the community."

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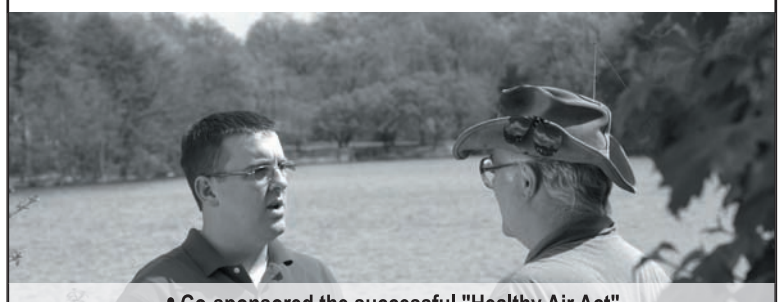
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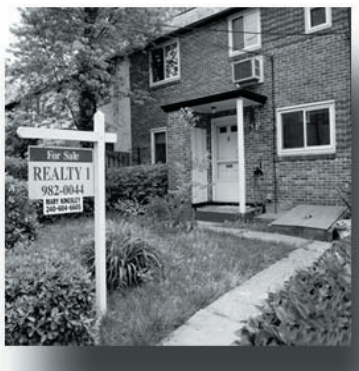
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Robberies

August 19, 8:15 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive, a man reported that he was stopped in traffic, waiting to make a left hand turn from Greenbelt Road onto Lakecrest Drive, when he was approached on foot by the three youths. One of them punched the victim in the face through the open driver's window, then reached across and removed the key from the ignition. All three then fled the area on foot, taking the key with them. The suspects are described as three Latino males, 15 to 18 years of age and 5'8" tall.

August 23, 7:15 p.m., 7600 block Mandan Road, a 13-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for attempted robbery and first-degree assault. A food delivery person reported that he attempted to deliver an order but the resident advised that she did not place an order. He got back into his vehicle, at which time an unknown female attempted to pay him for the food order. Then two youths began shouting at him, with one producing a box cutter type knife and demanding money. The delivery person locked himself in his vehicle and police were called. The suspects were located in the 7500 block of Mandan Road and directed police to the location of the weapon. The 13-year-old was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system. The second suspect, a 14-year-old Greenbelt youth, was released pending further investigation.

August 24, in reference to a carjacking reported August 12 in the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, the vehicle taken, a 2000 Acura 4-door, was recovered by the Bladensburg Police Department. Two adult arrests were made.

Drug Arrests

August 21,1:26 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of marijuana and two counts of possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to a report of people smoking marijuana at the rear of an apartment building. The people were located nearby; police detected the odor of what they believed to be marijuana. The man was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana and more was found in his vehicle. He was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

August 23, 12 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a 15-year-old resident youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana after he was observed by a school resource officer out of school during normal school hours. The youth was released pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

Fake ID

August 18, 9:21 a.m., Greenbelt Metro Drive and Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of a fictitious government ID when police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed that the man had what appeared to be a counterfeit Social Security card and a counterfeit Resident Alien card. A computer check revealed that he also had an open warrant with Immigrations and Customs. The suspect was arrested on the scene and was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Uttering

August 17, 2:47 p.m., 7505 Greenway Center Drive, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with uttering and theft. Police responded to a report of a woman attempting to cash a stolen check at the Columbia Bank. She was arrested on the scene and was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

August 19, 9:06 p.m., Greenbelt Community Center, unknown person(s) vandalized the pottery room.

Burglaries

August 22, 1:55 p.m., 8000 block Greenbury Drive, a woman reported that she was in her living room when two men knocked on her front door and rang the doorbell. She ran upstairs and called her husband. The men then went to the rear of the residence and forced open the basement door. The woman called 911 and the suspects fled the area. A canine and handler checked the area, with negative results. A DVD player, a digital camera, a laptop computer, an IPOD and jewelry were taken. The suspects are described as two young black males, medium height, with one of the suspects wearing a white T-shirt.

August 23, 10:45 a.m., 8600 block Green Crescent Court, unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open the basement door, which caused the alarm to go off and the suspects(s) fled the scene. Nothing was taken. A resident was home at the time but did not see the suspect(s).

August 23, 10:30 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, unknown person(s) entered the residence by way of the unlocked front door. A pair of sneakers were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were reported stolen: a 1997 Mercury Cougar 2-door from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway recovered in Glenarden; a maroon 2000 Honda Civic 2-door, Maryland tags LZN585 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; a 1995 Cadillac Deville 4-door from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace recovered in College Park; and a red 1999 Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 139M589 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

Five vehicles were recovered, three by Greenbelt police and two by other jurisdictions. There were no arrests made in any of the recoveries.

Theft from, attempted theft of and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800, 7900 and 8000 blocks Mandan Road (five incidents), 7800 block Emily's Way, 18 and 39 Courts Ridge Road, 6400 block Ivy Lane, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace and Beltway Plaza (two incidents).

Girl Reports Assault At Middle School

On August 24, 9:20 a.m., a 12-year-old resident girl reported that she was sexually assaulted inside Greenbelt Middle School. The girl stated that she was in the ladies restroom when a young male walked into the bathroom, forced her to the floor and sexually assaulted her. He then fled the area. The suspect is described as a black male in his late teens to early twenties, 5'8" with a thin build and black hair, wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans. Investigation is continuing.

Sober Driving Effort Nets 1 on 1st Night

On August 19 at approximately 3 a.m., a Greenbelt officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and suspected drunk driving. This stop was on the first night of the new "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest" campaign kicked off by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. As a result of the stop, the driver, Travis Jarron Malloy of Suitland, was arrested for driving while impaired, driving under the influence and other traffic-related charges. Located in the vehicle was approximately 256 grams of suspected marijuana, packaging materials and scales. Over $3,000 cash was also located and seized. The vehicle, a 2003 Chevrolet Suburban, was also seized and forfeiture proceedings will be started.

Malloy was also charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana, four counts of possession of paraphernalia and possession of controlled paraphernalia. The suspect was arrested on the scene and was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

The national "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit.Under Arrest" impaired driving crackdown is a comprehensive impaired driving prevention program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

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Grants Help Improve State's Water Quality

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer has announced receipt by the Fifth Congressional District of seven Small Watershed Grants designed to improve water quality and restore habitats within the Chesapeake Bay basin. These grants enable communities "to improve the environmental health of their local watersheds, as well as that of the Chesapeake Bay," said Hoyer. Since 2001 Hoyer has helped secure nearly $10 million for the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program.

Several of the awards impact the Greenbelt area. All will be funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Anacostia Watershed Society will restore natural areas in the Anacostia River watershed through invasive plant control and re-vegetation with native plants. The project will reduce non-native plants by 25 percent in seven parks in the watershed. A pilot re-vegetation project will restore a 70-meter band of rip-rap with native plants through the participation of 1,500 volunteers and 26 community-based organizations. Partners for this project include the Chesapeake Natives and the National Park Service.

The Center for Chesapeake Communities will provide a landscape level perspective to coordinate management and restoration activities among four federal landowners in the Baltimore-Washington corridor. This project seeks to improve the ecological services of natural landscapes and reduce the environmental impacts of the land and facility management activities. Project partners include Fort Meade, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, NASA and Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge. Additional funding will be provided by USDA Forest Service.

The Low Impact Development Center of Beltsville, in partnership with Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, will produce a series of rain garden design templates for use by landscape architects, contractors, garden clubs and private citizens throughout the Bay watershed. These templates will target homeowners and will provide complete instructions for creating and maintaining a successful rain garden. The project will also construct a demonstration garden and host three educational workshops on rain gardens.

The University of Maryland Foundation, Inc. will continue to develop a training program for local officials and community leaders focusing on implementation and financing of watershed protection and restoration plans. This project will finalize a guidebook and transition it into the financing training program with supplemental materials.

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Rep. Steny Hoyer Is Seeking Re-election to U.S. Congress

by Elaine Skolnik

Representative Steny Hoyer is the only Democratic candidate seeking election to Congress from the Maryland Fifth Congressional District. No Republican is seeking the office but a Green Party candidate, Steve Warner, will oppose Hoyer in the General Election. A member of the U.S. Congress since 1981, Hoyer is now serving a second term as the House Democratic Whip, the second-ranking position among the Democrats. According to his official biography, Hoyer shepherded the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act to overwhelming approval in the House of Representatives.

He also guided the Federal Employee Pay Comparability Act to House passage. A senior member of the House Appropriations Committee's two subcommittees, he championed the cause of human rights, individual freedom, democracy and religious liberties world-wide.

In the Fifth Congressional District, Hoyer helped bring 4,000 IRS jobs to New Carrollton and blocked an effort to close Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, saving civil service jobs and about 6,000 contractor positions.

Congressman Hoyer attended high school in Prince George's County, graduated with high honors from the University of Maryland and received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. That same year, at the age of 27, he won a seat in the Maryland Senate and in 1975, he was elected president of the senate.

Hoyer has three daughters. He resides in Mechanicsville.

Voting Info Request Available on Internet

Persons eligible to vote in the September 12 Primary Election may find their assigned polling places using the State Board of Elections' new polling place locator at www.elections.state.md.us. In addition to providing the name and address of the voter's assigned polling place, the voter can get driving directions to the polling place.

An application for an absentee ballot is also available on the same website. The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail or by fax is Tuesday, September 5. After September 5, all requests for an absentee ballot must be made in person at the local board of elections in the county in which the voter resides.

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Later, when Duncan withdrew, Simms signed on as an attorney general candidate. The winners of the primary will face Frederick County State's Attorney, Republican nominee Scott Rolle.

Realizing that the State Board of Elections and the 24 local boards could not remove Perez's name from the ballot in time for the September 12 election because of the complex electronic changes required and the absentee ballots already having been printed and issued, the state board asked the Court of Appeals in a motion to allow the Perez name to remain on the ballot.

Additionally, state officials promised to post notices in each of the local polls to inform voters of the court order and to warn that any vote cast for Perez will not be counted. Since absentee ballots have already been received and sent out, the board expects to notify voters of the removal of Tom Perez as a candidate.

Cancellation of the early voting five-day period does not appear to cause the state any heartburn. On the contrary, the state board appeared relieved that early voting starting September 5 has been canceled.

As a result of this court ruling, however, any eligible voter who had planned to vote during early voting must now either vote in his or her assigned polling place on September 12 or vote by absentee ballot.

Hoyer Receives Coelho Award

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer received the Tony Coelho Award for his work toward expanding job opportunities for people with disabilities. The Tony Coelho Award was started in 2001 by Joyce Bender of Bender Consulting Services to recognize former Congressman Coelho, author of the Americans with Disabilities Ac (ADA)t, who for eight years served as chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

In accepting the award, Hoyer noted that only 32 percent of working-age people with a disability are employed. As a result, three times as many individuals with disabilities live in poverty as those without. Hoyer said, "This July, it will be 16 years since the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law. Over the years, there is no question the ADA has ushered in significant change and we can be proud of its accomplishments. However, one area that has not improved enough is employment. I want to applaud the many private individuals and business leaders who have worked so hard to reverse these disturbing trends."

Hoyer said he remains steadfast in his commitment to fulfilling the promise of the ADA and expanding opportunities wherever possible. "With thousands of severely injured soldiers returning home from Iraq, we have a special responsibility to assure that they will receive fair treatment as they attempt to return to work and re-integrate themselves into our communities," he said.

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City Classes

New Class in Black/White Photography in September

The digital age has brought a resurgence of interest in classic film photography. This fall at the Greenbelt Community Center fine art photographer David Ashman will offer a course in black and white film photography through the city recreation arts programs.

Born and raised in Rochester, N.Y., Ashman currently resides in Annapolis. He captures images of uninhabited landscapes, abandoned property, international historic elements and architectural features exclusively on black and white film using a vintage medium format camera. "I believe that the viewer is prone to enhanced interpretation of an image or story in a photograph with the absence of color. I enjoy making photographs that speak to the viewer by capturing detail that otherwise may go unnoticed."

Ashman has studied with master photographers Mary Virginia Swanson, John Sexton, Chip Forelli, Tom Wolff and Dick Bond. His work is part of numerous public and private collections, has been exhibited at various solo and juried international exhibitions and has received numerous awards. For more information about Ashman, visit his website at www.davidashmanphotography.com.

The photography course works equally well for beginners or those looking for a refresher. Ashman will cover topics from how a camera works, to composing and shooting, processing and printing.

"The fact that the Greenbelt Community Center has a working darkroom presents a wonderful and increasingly rare opportunity," said Barbara Dickey Davis of the arts staff. "Basic B&W Film Photography, offered for ages 16 through adult, begins on September 19 and runs for six weeks. To register or for more information on the class call 301-397-2208 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.



Photographer David Ashman finds the unusual in the ordinary.

Two Floral Photo Exhibits Open at the New Deal Café

Floral photography will be the theme of two new exhibits at the New Deal Café for September, with opening receptions for both exhibitors to be held on Sunday, September 3 from 7 to 9 p.m.



Photographer Bill Cornett brings the natural beauty of flowers to new heights in photos that are on exhibit at the New Deal Café.

In the front room, William Cornett will be presenting his show, "Flora Astrographica," which are floral photographs designed to evoke astral phenomena. Cornett, who has been a professional photographer for over 25 years, has done assignments for such publications as National Geographic World, Time, Newsweek and the Washington Post. His work has been featured in Life Magazine's "The Year In Pictures." He has also won a bronze Ozzie award for "Best Magazine Cover of the Year." Cornett designed and built custom light sources for the project. He combined conventional flash photography with light-painting to achieve unusual results. In some cases, pin-point lights were inserted deep inside the flowers to render an internal glow to the blooms. Very small portions of the flowers have been enlarged to huge sizes, with some of the prints measuring several feet across. Greeting cards featuring the images are on sale at Co-op and the New Deal Café.

Brothers

Leslie Brothers, whose exhibit will be on display in the back room, has been a Greenbelt resident for five years and has been living in the area since attending the University of Maryland in College Park. She has spent most of her working career at the Smithsonian Institution, most recently as horticulturist where she developed her photographic skill. Brothers started her serious learning with a film based SLR camera but now exclusively uses a digital camera at work and also for this exhibit. Come by to meet the artist for the first public showing of her recent work.

New Disability Group Looking for Members

by Shirley Middleton

Two Greenbelt residents have joined together to organize a peer-driven group for persons with disabilities in Greenbelt. Terry Vanzetti and Shirley Middleton had been independently pondering the benefits of developing such a coalition and began work on the project when they discovered their mutual interest. Middleton, who has Multiple Sclerosis (MS), said she had noticed that there was a large number of people in town, old and young, who walked with canes or used wheel chairs and she had encountered several other residents who have MS. She said that she thought there might be an unmet need for a group of mobility impaired and MS patients to get together to exchange information and help each other.

Vanzetti, who is visually impaired and legally blind, said he had felt isolated and believed starting a peer group to provide social and recreational activities and mutual assistance would enhance the community. Middleton stated, "I liked Terry's idea of expanding the scope of the organization to people with other disabilities. I think that many people may not consider themselves to be disabled or may be disabled only temporarily due to injury, an operation or illness. We wanted to open it up to the widest number of people." She continued, "We talked about all kinds of activities from having educational talks with different professionals to getting groups together to socialize and trade help like driving or yard work. We don't want something to take the place of G.I.V.E.S. The difficulty is in getting word out to people (especially to blind and visually impaired people) and then meeting to decide what we'd like to see develop."



Terry Vanzetti and Shirley Middleton have joined forces to provide support for persons with disabilities in Greenbelt.

Vanzetti added, "I have found that even kind and generous friends do not always recognize the subtle and not-so-subtle challenges faced daily by disabled persons. Understanding is important. Also, some persons have disabilities that are not immediately noticeable. With broad inclusiveness, I hope that we can reduce the sense of isolation, make ourselves visible to the community and provide validation and mutual assistance to each other. As a team, each person can contribute what he or she is able to do for someone who has difficulty with that task. But the social interaction and validation is the most attractive goal in my thinking.

Middleton and Vanzetti have worked together to publicize the formation of the group through the Internet, flyers posted around Greenbelt and a notice printed in the Greenbelt Gazette. The tentative name of the organization is the Greenbelt Disability Connection (GDC). Vanzetti created a Yahoo group allowing Internet communication for participants. According to the new Yahoo website, "Our aims are to: build friendships, provide social activities, seek out recreational opportunities, exchange information to solve common problems, educate the larger Greenbelt community, advocate for ourselves and offer peer support and mutual assistance in times of need."

To learn more about GDC, people can visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/g_d_c.

Middleton notes, "For those without computers, we plan to have a sign-up sheet at the Greenbelt Buddhist Discussion Group's and Greenbelt Pride's tables during Information Day at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Terry or I should be around to answer questions and talk with people interested in starting the group and hope to stimulate interest then."

UM Art Faculty Holds Exhibit

The Art Gallery, University of Maryland, presents a glimpse into the creative research and professional activities of the University of Maryland's Department of Art faculty with the opening of "Evidence: Department of Art Faculty Exhibition." This exhibit runs from Wednesday, September 6 to Saturday, October 7. There is an opening reception on Wednesday, September 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit is on display at the Art Gallery, Art/Sociology Building, 2nd floor, University of Maryland, College Park. The Gallery hours are through Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Gallery remains open until 6 p.m. For more information call 301-405-2763 or visit www.artgallery.umn.edu.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. The Art Gallery is wheelchair-accessible and translation for people with hearing loss can be provided with advance notice.

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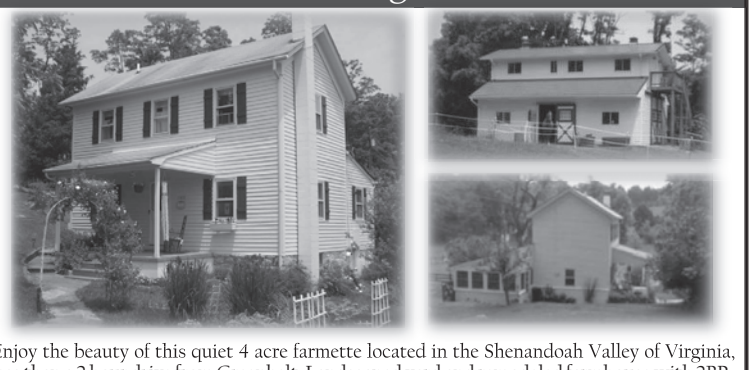
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Whites' Aniversary Gala Celebrates 50 Years

by Mary Moien

Long-time Greenbelters Helen and Tom White were feted by their children at the historic Newton-White Mansion on August 3 in celebration of their forthcoming 50th wedding anniversary on October 20. All of the Whites' children and grandchildren worked together to pull off the fantastic party. Helen and Tom are both local Washingtonians and enjoy having numerous family members, as well as friends and work associates in the area. (Tom is one of 18 children.) They were married at Sacred Heart Church in Washington, D.C.

The children came from near and far. Mark lives on Capitol Hill; Tom and wife, Jennifer, live nearby in Takoma Park; Chris and her husband, Marco D'Ottavi, formerly of Greenbelt, now reside in Silver Spring; Pam and husband Carl Quick arrived from Phoenix, their home since leaving Greenbelt; Penny and her husband, Marco Sandoval, came all the way from California. But youngest daughter, Ellen, bested them all. She returned home from the Sudan, where she has been working with the Save the Children organization. The above group included all of Helen and Tom's 19 grandchildren.



PHOTO BY MARY MOIEN

Helen and Tom White share a dance to "You Belong to Me" at their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Newton-White Mansion was a beautiful location for the party. The 18th century home enjoys a scenic location overlooking the Enterprise Golf Course. Tom, who retired in 2003 from 30 years on the Greenbelt City Council, was congratulated by many political friends including State Senator Leo Green, former Greenbelt mayor and county councilmember Richard Castaldi and Greenbelt City Councilmembers Leta Mach and Konrad Herling. More than 150 friends, relatives and co-workers all raised a toast in celebration of the momentous occasion.



PHOTO BY LEN MORIARITY

All of the Tom and Helen White children and grandchildren gather in front of their parent's wedding portrait at the 50th Anniversary celebration. Tom is second from left and Helen is seventh from left.

City Notes

Public works horticulture crew continued irrigating all the landscaping and the young trees throughout the city due to the drought conditions.

The parks crew installed a 1,500 gallon rain water collection tank in the backyard at public works.

Work on the skate park is well underway. Staff report that workers have been busy digging out bowls and checking elevations for various areas of the park.

Community center staff is actively working on identifying youth who vandalized a ceramic studio recently during normal facility hours while there were open studio participants working on the same floor. There is a photo from the surveillance camera being circulated in an attempt to find the youth. Several hundred dollars in clay was ruined and the studio was closed for six days.

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Wayne Brown and Shoe Suede Blues to Entertain

by Patti Brothers

Sunday, the final night of the festival, features "Wayne Brown & 2nd Conspiracy" on stage. This band is a good time rock `n roll band with a professional performance and solid sound. Formed 17 years ago, a product of the "Louie Al-Phontz Conspiracy" (a northwest Washington band), Wayne Brown has been playing keyboards and performing all of his life. Along with him are Frank Burton on lead vocals Chris "Pooter" Brown on drums, Mike Greco on bass and vocals, and Jerry JP Pickholtz on lead guitar and vocals. This group has performed with legends such as Dion, "The Mammas and Pappas," "The Crystals," "The Bogues," "The Grass Roots," "Three Dog Night," Dennis Yost, Gary Puckett, "The Buckinghams" and the "Fabulous Hubcaps," just to name a few. This group will end the festival night-time activities on just the right note.

Shoe Suede Blues

The Monday daytime stage this year will host a band that is always a treat for the festival. That band is "Shoe Suede Blues," featuring Peter Tork (of "The Monkees") who will perform on Monday, September 4 from noon to 3 p.m. This is a return engagement for this group. This band was formed in 1994 when Peter Tork and friends Tadg Galleran and Michael Sunday were asked to put together a band for a benefit dance for a women's recovery home and child care program. Following the performance, requests began to arrive for performances at other benefits, local night clubs and local events. The band was then asked to perform on Cox Cablevision and at the 30th Anniversary Monkees Convention in 1997. Following the national media coverage they received, the band started to get inquiries from around the nation for live and recorded performances. Now "Shoe Suede Blues" performs at dance clubs, theaters and private functions all across the nation and has plans to travel abroad in the near future. The band plays a lively and unique combination of blues, rhythm and blues, blues rock and pop from such legends as Muddy Waters, Wilson Pickett, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Bob Dylan, "The Coasters" and, of course, "The Monkees." Band members include Peter Tork, a former member of the world-famous 1960s pop group "The Monkees." Since that time Tork has put together a number of bands, including "The New Monk" and "The Peter Tork Project." He plays a myriad of instruments, including the 5-string banjo, piano/keyboard, drums, guitar and bass. With "Shoe Suede Blues" he mainly plays guitar and sings lead and backup. Arnold Jacks plays the bass for "Shoe Suede Blues"; John Palmer, who has toured with Ronnie Dawson, "The 5th Dimension," "The Diamonds," "The Penguins" and "Sha Na Na," plays the drums; and Richard Mikuls, who has performed as Rufus with Chaka Khan, BB King, Ike and Tina Turner, Chuck Berry, Ray Charles, Little Richard and Jerry Lee Lewis, plays guitar and sings lead and backup. "Shoe Suede Blues" is sure to provide a wonderful conclusion to the festival stage activities on Monday to help celebrate the 52nd festival.





"Wayne Brown & 2nd Conspirarcy" (above) will be on hand Sunday night from 9 to midnight.

At left, "Shoe Suede Blues" featuring Peter Tork of "The Monkees" fame (center) will be on hand Monday from noon to 3 p.m.

Back to School Nights Announced

The Prince George's County public schools will host back to school night activities to welcome students and parents for the 2006-07 school year. Back to school nights provide an opportunity for parents and students to meet with administrators and teachers, learn more about their school and receive a variety of information regarding academics and student activities.

In addition to attending back to school night activities, parents are invited to join or organize PTA or PTSO in their children's schools, volunteer at their childrens' schools, attend parent-teacher conferences, chaperone field trips, attend awards assemblies or community meetings hosted by the Board of Education, the CEO or Regional Assistant Superintendents. For additional opportunities to get involved in a child's education, contact the children's schools.

Early back to school nights will be held on Wednesday, September 6 by Springhill Lake Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. (301-513-5996) and at Greenbelt Middle School at 7:30 p.m. (301-513-5040).

Other Greenbelt schools will hold back to school nights later in the month. Magnolia Elementary School's will be held on Thursday, September 14 at 7 p.m. (301-918-8770); Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Tuesday, September 19 at 7 p.m. (301-513-5400); Greenbelt Elementary School on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. (301-513-5911).

St. Hugh's

Back to school nights will be held at St. Hugh's School on September 6 at 7 p.m. for junior high grades and on September 13 at 7 p.m. for grades K to 5.

NAMI Offers Family Education

NAMI of Prince George's County is offering a free 12-week course for family members of close relatives with a mental illness.

The course covers facts about diagnosis and dealing with critical periods with various mental illnesses, biology of the brain, new research, medication review and self-care. There will also be workshops on empathy, communication skills, problem solving, rehabilitation, advocacy and fighting stigma.

The course is taught by a team of trained volunteer family members who know what it's like to have a loved one with a serious mental illness. Prince George's NAMI members Susan Gervasi and Jenny Prince will be teaching NAMI's fall course at a Prince George's County location. Class location and schedule are being determined.

Call Susan at 301-474-7680 if interested in taking the course.

Mamas and Papas Meet Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas meet every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Babies, pre-schoolers and their parents are invited to the group, where the kids play and the adults swap parenting tips, tricks and support. The group meets at the playground opposite the Greenbelt Library. Every second Wednesday of the month is a pot luck lunch. For more information, call Tina Clarke at 301-474-9522 or send an email to tina_clarke@comcast.net.

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istration) will take place on the Greenbelt softball fields. The horseshoe tournament is being held at the pits, located adjacent to the Aquatic Center. Drop in-competition for horseshoe pitching begins at 9.

Don't eat breakfast Saturday morning – fill up on pancakes and other breakfast items at the Pancake Breakfast – from 9 to 11 a.m. Sponsored by St. Hugh's Knights of Columbus, the breakfast will be held on the Community Center front lawn. (In case of inclement weather, an alternative indoor location will be announced.) The children's pet show will also take place on the front lawn. Kids can parade their pets (all kinds) and win prizes in a variety of categories. The pet show is at 9:30 on Saturday morning.

Home Run Derby

The Home Run Derby is on Braden Field #2 starting at noon. Registration is from 9 a.m. to noon on that day. There is an entry fee. Entrants must provide their own pitcher. The winner will receive 40 percent of the prize, the second place winner will receive 10 percent and the David Craig Memorial Fund will receive 50 percent. The derby is sponsored by the Recreation Department.

Games of strategy, sponsored by the Recreation Department, will be played on both Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. each day in the festival area and in the Youth Center game room. Demonstrations and instructions on playing over a dozen strategy games will be offered by members of the Greenbelt Strategy Games Club.

The Slow Pitch Tournament resumes on Sunday at 9 on the Greenbelt softball fields and will continue all day.

Sunday's Artful Afternoon, sponsored by the Recreation Department, will take place in the Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. Participants can make their own self-portrait circus poster with artist Christine Sajecki.

The 48th running of the Larry Noel 15K Foot Race will be held on Sunday at 5 p.m. Late registration and packet pickup is at the Youth Center from 4 to 4:45 p.m. The starting line is on Northway at Woodland Way. For more information visit www.dcroadrunners.org, call the DC Roadrunners hotline at 703-241-0395 or contact Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019. This event is sponsored by the DC Roadrunners.

Parade

For the kids, the Lions Club will once again sponsor the annual "Bikes and Trikes" entry in the Labor Day parade on Monday morning. Contestants will meet at the Mother and Child Statue in Roosevelt Center at 9:30 a.m. Paul Sarbanes and Leo Green are the honorary parade marshals this year.

Art/Photo Shows

The annual art show, sponsored by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), and a separate photo show both open on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Community Center. These events showcase the wealth of local talent in Greenbelt and surrounding areas. Entries are judged and ribbons awarded in various age categories for art works and in general categories for photos. A tour of these two galleries provides an enriching experience. It also provides a cool and quiet respite from the activity of the carnival and stage events.

Information Day

Many of the community's service groups and several Greenbelt businesses and business organizations will operate information tables on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. These tables will be located in Roosevelt Mall. It's a good time to talk to the volunteers of some of the city's nonprofit groups and the owners of businesses. There is no selling at these tables but information abounds.

Craft Show

Don't miss the second Labor Day Craft Show – which opens at 11 a.m. on Sunday and continues until 6 p.m. in Roosevelt Center with lots of beautiful hand-made items to purchase. Support local crafters and artists in the first festival-sponsored craft show.

Festival Committee

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will operate an Information Booth throughout the festival as well as a phone line at 301-345-0147. The booth is located directly across from the stage. Those staffing the Information Booth can provide directions to a favorite booth as well as answer questions relating to the festival. Maps will be provided at two locations on the grounds. While there, remember to thank volunteers for a job well done. All volunteers at the festival will be identified by badges, shirts and baseball caps. None of the committee members are paid, from the president on down. Their only reward is the pleasure of having been a major part of building "Unity Through Community Involvement" – and keeping this wonderful festival alive.

Students Now Have Science Database

The Maryland Department of Education announced that the Division of Library Development and Services has added the Gale Science Resource Database to secondary school libraries and Sailor, the Maryland online electronic information network (www.sailor.lib.md.us). The Gale Science Resource Center will provide unlimited access for students in school and public library systems in Maryland. This curriculum-oriented science database provides a one-stop electronic resource for all science needs and allows students, parents and teachers access without being onsite at the library or school.

Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, this resource reflects curriculum trends and focuses on key concepts such as earth-space science, a history of science, life science, chemistry, physics, science technology, and much more. Featuring direct links from the topics to Science Core Learning Goals of Maryland, educators can identify articles aligned to specific standards highlighting lesson plan concepts as well as complementing textbooks.